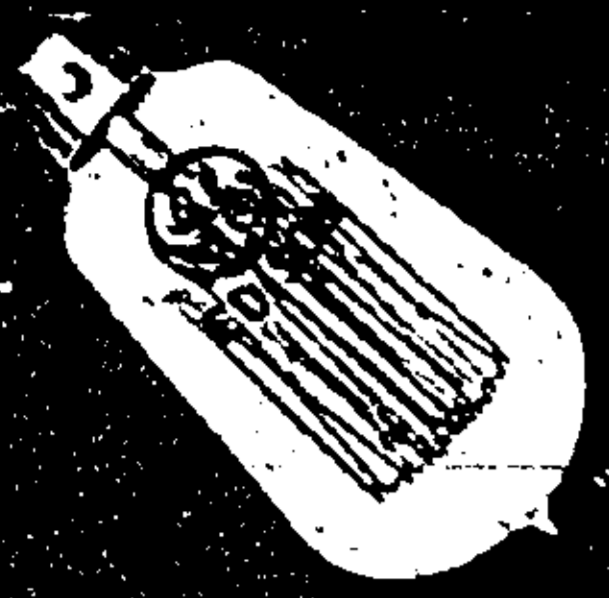


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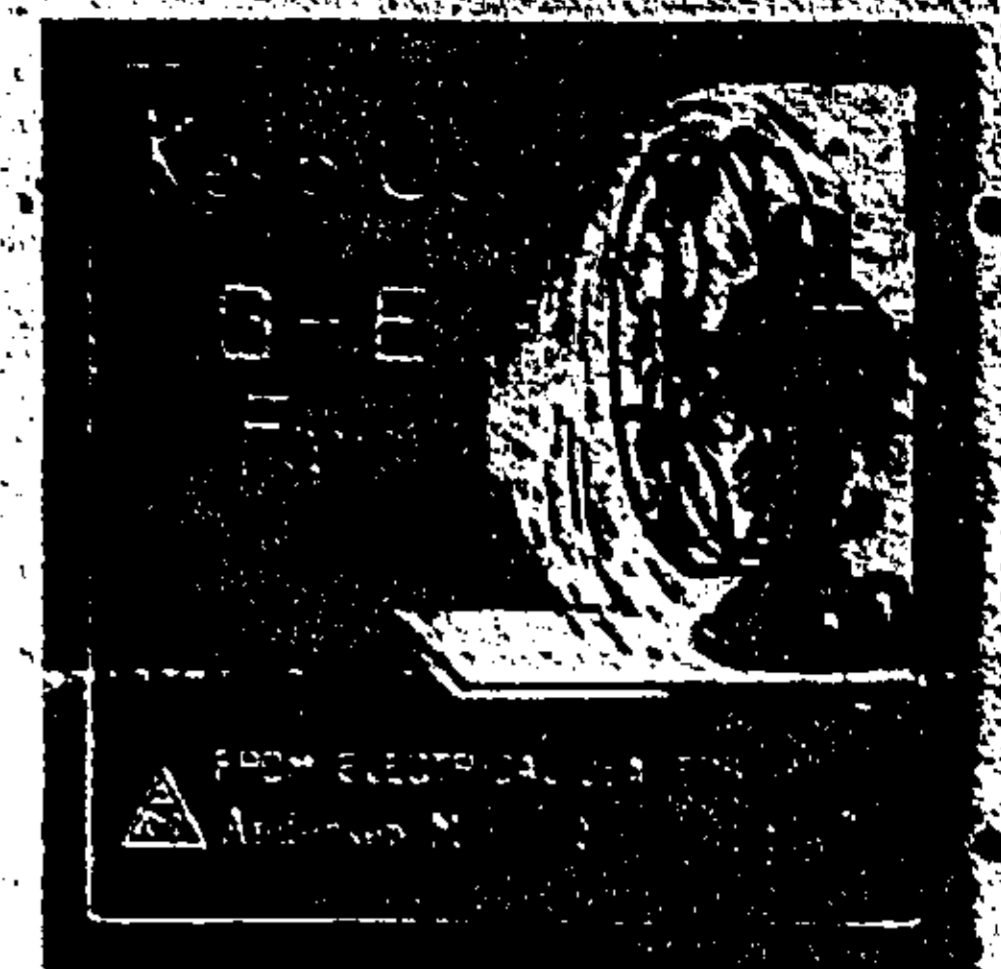
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TEARFUL EXPLOSION.

BIG RHINELAND DISASTER.

ANILINE-FABRIC WORKS BLOWN UP AT OPPAU.

Over a Thousand Dead.

(Reuter's Service.)

Paris, September 21.
A message from Mayence states that the chemical works at Oppau, near Frankenthal, in the Bavarian Palatinate, have blown up, with over a hundred casualties.

Later.
The latest news from Mayence, concerning the explosion at Oppau is most terrible. It is declared that the casualties reach thousands, including a thousand dead.

Berlin, September 21.
It is now reported from Mannheim that hundreds were killed and injured and enormous damage done in two terrific explosions at the Badische Anilin- und Fabrik Works at Oppau, where highly explosive nitrogen compounds are manufactured.

Roofs Blown Off Houses Miles Away.

Mayence, September 21.
Explosions at the Badische Aniline works, Oppau, among the most terrible in history, occurred as the shifts were changing at eight in the morning. The concussion was felt at Mayence. All the windows at the Mannheim works were shattered. The first explosion occurred in the laboratory, where eight hundred men were working. All were instantly killed. Other explosions followed in rapid succession, making it impossible to assist the first victims. Several were killed and thirty-six injured, at Mannheim, thirteen miles distant, roofs of many of the houses being blown off. A number of people were killed in Ludwigshafen, while Oppau was reduced to a heap of ruins.

Origin not yet known.

London, September 21.
The terrible effects of the explosion at Oppau were felt throughout the rich industrial Upper Rhineland, causing scores of victims ten to twenty miles from the scene of the disaster. The pretty, flourishing village of Oppau has been completely destroyed. In a few seconds it was reduced to a blazing heap, shattered walls burying hundreds of helpless victims. The surviving villagers fled in a frenzy of terror. The district is overhung with dense columns of poisonous smoke visible for miles, rendering the ruins at present inaccessible. The Badische Anilin- und Fabrik Co. declares that there is no possibility of further explosions at Oppau. The full extent and origin of the disaster are at present conjectural.

The Scene of Affliction.

Ludwigshafen, September 22.
A statement by the management of the Badische Factory shows that the explosion occurred in a warehouse containing two hundred tons of ammonium sulphate compound.
Ludwigshafen resembles a great hospital. Schools have been converted into wards, to which all available transport has been commandeered to convey the victims.
Along the roads leading to Oppau and in all the fields round the town lie hundreds of badly-injured men, women, and children, many terribly mutilated and with shattered limbs. In many cases eyes were torn out. Hundreds of weeping women and children are flocking to the scene in search of relatives, but a cordon has been drawn around the wrecked works barring approach within a radius of half a mile. Medical detachments are arriving from Ludwigshafen, Mannheim, Heidelberg, etc. Unofficial estimates place the casualties at over a thousand dead and nearly two thousand injured.

Cause of Catastrophe.

Mayence, September 22.
The catastrophe at Oppau was due to excess of pressure in two adjoining gasometers, which caused the explosion. It is now estimated that the death-roll may reach fifteen hundred.

FRENCH LABOUR SITUATION.

Contest Between Moderates and Extremists.

Paris, September 21.
The burning question now dividing French labour, namely, the dissolution of the moderates and the extremists, the latter of whom favour adherence to the Moscow International—was dealt with at a meeting of the national committee of the General Confederation of Labour, which passed a resolution by 63 votes to 55 in favour of compelling the extremists to respect trade-union discipline as defined at the recent Lille congress, when a resolution was passed implying elimination from the Confederation of the so-called "revolutionary syndicalist committees." Possibly this will lead to a split in the Confederation and expulsion of the Communists.

FRENCH TEXTILE WORKERS' STRIKE.

British and Dutch Workers Vote Support.

Paris, September 21.
The International Textile Workers' Congress at present meeting in Paris, attended by a hundred delegates, notably British and Dutch, who voted £200,000 for the textile workers of France and Belgium, who are striking against a reduction of wages.

THE ARMENIAN QUESTION.

League Assembly Urges a Prompt Settlement.

Geneva, September 20.
The Assembly of the League has unanimously adopted the report of Committee urging the Council to take steps to impress on the Supreme Council the necessity of a prompt settlement of the Armenian question.

THE WASHINGTON CONFERENCE.

Priority of Subjects.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, September 21.
Reuter learns that it is doubtful whether Mr. Bonar Law will be able to attend the Washington conference. Sir L. Worthington-Evans will attend if land disarmament is to be discussed, but such discussion is doubtful in view of the great opposition in certain quarters. It has always been understood here that the Pacific question is to be first dealt with but, although nothing definite is known, it looks as if the United States Government now intended disarmament to be discussed first.

U.S. Anxious for Mr. Lloyd George to Attend.

London, September 22.
Keen disappointment is felt in America at Mr. Lloyd George's inability to attend the Washington Conference, which is considered even more important in the interest of the world than that of Britain's domestic problems. There are indications that official efforts will be made from Washington with the object of persuading the premier to alter his decision.

It is estimated that the conference will last three months. The Daily Telegraph, referring to Japan's intensive effort to arrive at a preliminary agreement with America and China on points in dispute, says that none realises better than the Japanese Premier that it is in Japan's interest to attend the Washington Conference without encountering old prejudices and distrust, the persistence of which might hamper and even ruin the General Pacific arrangements now contemplated. Japanese diplomacy by happy treatment of the Yapo question and its frank overture to China has gone far towards dispelling some of the clouds that only a few weeks ago still overhung the China Seas.

HUNGARIAN OBSTINACY.

Ambassadors' Conference Prepares Ultimatum.

London, September 21.
The Ambassadors' Conference has not yet despatched an ultimatum to Hungary in regard to Burgenland, but it is understood that the terms of one have been practically settled. Hungary will be given ten to fourteen days to evacuate Burgenland, failing which the Allies will take the severest measures, the nature of which is not yet known.

STRIKE LOSES BIG ORDER.

Swansea Steelworks and a Japanese Contract.

London, September 21.
The recent strike at Swansea steelworks is stated to have prevented the acceptance of an urgent order from Japan, which would have occupied the mills for two years.

U.S. CONGRESS REASSEMBLES.

Peace Treaties to be Referred to Foreign Relations Committee.

Washington, September 22.
Congress has reassembled. President Harding sent a messenger with the German, Austrian, and Hungarian treaties. Senator Lodge, the Republican leader, previously conferred with the President, and it is understood, arranged for the treaties to be referred to the Foreign Relations Committee.

AMERICA'S UNKNOWN SOLDIER.

General Pershing Arrives in France for Selection of Body.

Havre, September 21.
General Pershing arrived here and proceeded to Paris as the guest of the French Government. Besides attending the selection of the body of America's Unknown Soldier, he will inspect the American troops in occupation of Coblenz.

NEW BAVARIAN PREMIER.

Berlin, September 22.
Herr Lerchenfeld, a member of the Bavarian People's Party, has been appointed Premier of Bavaria.

(Other Telegrams on Page 2.)

EARLIER SPECIAL TELEGRAMS.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

APPEAL DISMISSED.

Singapore, Sept. 21.

The Appeal Court at Ipoh dismissed an appeal by the Chinese who were convicted of the murder of Mr. Evans without requiring the prosecutor to reply. Mr. Fung, the appellant's counsel, spoke for five hours.

The hearing has been opened of a libel action by the Cold Storage Company against the Straits Times arising out of allegations of profiteering in an editorial and in the news columns in January, 1920. The defence pleads fair comment and justification.

INTER-PORT CRICKET.

Shanghai v. Hankow.

The Shanghai team to meet Hankow is as follows: Messrs. W. C. G. Clifford (Capt.), D. W. Leach (Vice-Capt.), A. H. Leslie (Hon. Sec. and Manager), H. W. Allison, J. M. Peayson, E. G. Barnes, T. L. Rawthorne, H. W. P. McMeekin, J. Robertson, H. Langley, P. V. Simpson and G. Ricketts (Scorer).

Messrs. Clifford, Leach, and Allison will be remembered as belonging to the team which visited us here last year.

A GOOD TIME.

The End of a Perfect Day

At the Police Court to-day a Chinese youth was charged with embezzlement of the sum of \$417 whilst employed as an assistant accountant in the compradore's department of Messrs. Andersen Meyer Co.

Wong Sik-kay, the compradore, stated that the defendant during the absence on leave of the chief accountant, acted in the latter's capacity for a period terminating on the 15th September, when on the chief accountant's return the books were balanced and a number of discrepancies were brought to the writer's notice. Certain entries in the payments book were unsupported by vouchers, while, according to the figures entered by the defendant, should have amounted to \$305.30, was shown to be only \$475.30. As far as his department was concerned, the witness added, no drawings should be made without his permission and when such payments were made in contravention of this rule, they were made at the accountant's own responsibility.

Mr. R. E. Lindell said that no offence against the criminal law had been committed, though a civil action might be possible for the amounts thus paid out without authority. They had to prove that the defendant received definite sums paid to the account of the firm, and instead of paying them in, appropriated them to his own use. Half of the sums contained in the list produced by the witness were represented as having been borrowed.

The witness recited a list of sums which the defendant entered as having been paid out in the form of loans to various members of the clerical staff and others.

His Worship repeated his previous observation, saying that the question was one of making false entries. They had to prove the receipt of actual sums which had not been accounted for by the defendant.

To the defendant: You claim that you paid \$60 to Cheung Ngai (an employee of the firm)?—I lent him \$60, and afterwards borrowed it from him.

The defendant made other admissions that he used other people's names on the payment-book to borrow various sums.

As to the sum he entered against the compradore's name, defendant said he had intended to refund the \$30 at the earliest opportunity.

His Worship (to the compradore):—Did you receive the \$30? The witness said that he did not receive that sum nor consent to his name being used in the entry.

The defendant: I had intended to refund the amount.

His Worship: Then why did you not use your own name?—Because I had borrowed a lot of money in my own name already. You were afraid of being found out in fact. Why did you want to borrow this money from the firm?—To assist a friend who was in dire need of money.

More likely to assist to pay your gambling debts?—No. I find you guilty of making false entries. It is clear on the evidence before me and on your own admissions, that on the 12th September you deliberately made a false entry purporting to pay a sum of \$30 to your compradore Wong Sik-kay, and on this I convict you.

SWIMMING INTERPORT.

The Final Trials.

The final Interport trials to select Hongkong's representatives in the forthcoming swimming interport with Shanghai will begin this evening at 5 o'clock at the V.R.C. Baths. The trials will be—

High Dive.—G. Hall, G. Jack, D. Laing, E. W. Raiton, A. Logan, W. Hyde, T. L. Knight, M. A. R. Souza, C. Logan, P. Izard, E. Noronha, F. M. R. Pereira, S. Kitchell, and Capt. Blakely.

100 Yards Back Stroke.—R. C. Wicheil, J. Johnstone, E. Noronha, Chan Hing-mee, Long Pung.—M. A. R. Souza, R. L. Duncan, A. Ellis, R. C. Wicheil, E. de Souza, A. A. Claxton and D. Laing.

Running Header from Spring-board.—G. Hall, G. Jack, D. Laing, E. W. Raiton, A. Logan, W. Hyde, T. L. Knight, E. Noronha, M. A. R. Souza, and F. M. R. Pereira.

440 Yards.—G. Jack, D. Laing, F. M. R. Pereira, A. Logan, and J. Rodger.

To-morrow afternoon the following trials will be held:—

Throwing the Polo Ball.—E. Busschaert, R. C. Wicheil, J. A. Carvalho and L. E. Lammer.

210 Yards.—G. Jack, F. M. R. Pereira, A. Logan, and J. Rodger.

100 Yards.—G. Jack, F. M. R. Pereira, A. Logan, D. Laing, A. Botelho and E. A. Noronha.

Two Lengths Team Race.—Leong Tin-sang, A. Botelho, E. Noronha, E. W. Raiton, D. Laing, J. Soares, A. Logan, and F. M. R. Pereira.

On Saturday the Water Polo trial will be held at the close of the Lusitano Sports. The teams will be "Possibles" v. "Probables," the former including Messrs. G. Hall, G. W. Sewell and S. A. Marcal; A. V. Barros; Soares, G. A. Carvalho and E. W. Raiton. The "Probables" will be Messrs. A. Ignatieff, M. L. Raiton and J. Rodger; R. C. Wicheil; E. Busschaert; J. C. Finch and A. Logan.

We learn that Mr. J. H. Taggart has presented a magnificent silver cup which it is proposed to put up as an Interport Challenge Cup, not to be won outright. The Interport Committee purpose asking the donor's permission to date this Cup back to 1909, when the first Interport was held. So far about twenty other prizes have been given and many more are expected.

Certain members of the Shanghai team are due here on the Kashima Maru, arriving here on the 24th, and the remainder are due to arrive by the Tungshing on the 26th. All will stay at the Hongkong Hotel.

TO-DAY'S MISCELLANY.

If girls who want degrees are going to Oxford (writes a Light Blue), those who want the best education will still set their faces toward Girton and Newnham, where, by October next, degrees will be given. The mythical advantage of a B.A. (adds the correspondent) is a poor substitute for the "1st class in Camb. Tripos." All this may be true, and yet that mythical "B.A." somehow attaches itself to the other sex, and impresses committees that have situations in their gift. Would woman, one wonders, make so much push about granting degrees to men?

Moonmouthshire is making vocal its objections to being classed as a Welsh county when Sunday closing is concerned. But is it English? True, all the geography books count it as an English shire and credit Wales with 12 not 13 counties. True, too, that Moonmouthshire is held not on the South Wales but the Oxford Circuit. But several Acts of Parliament in recent years have treated the border shire as Welsh rather than English, and in the country districts and mining areas, Welsh names abound. Moonmouthshire is, however, a fact that is not to be denied.

THE RACES.

No "Subs" This Year.

It will be learned with general regret that the Stewards of the Hongkong Jockey Club have advised a wireman the Shanghai Horse Bazaar intimating their inability to supply Subscription Grifflins for the 1922 Race Meeting. Not only will the members of the Club be disappointed but the public as well, as there is no doubt that great interest had always been centered in the "Subs" races due to the uncertainty of spotting the winner and generally the return of big dividends.

However, this will not mean that there will be no Race meeting next year as the Larsen's grifflins are expected to arrive here in a few days. The difference between the Shanghai Horse Bazaar and Larsen's ponies is that the former are timed grifflins while the latter have never been ridden before. It is not an easy job to break in a pony and, under the circumstances, owners always give preference to Shanghai Horse Bazaar ponies.

A batch of 49 Larsen's grifflins is expected to arrive here on Sunday, the 25th, and they will be drawn for the same afternoon. In view of the inability of securing Shanghai Subs, it is the intention of the local Stewards to wire to Mr. Larsen for more grifflins, but it is a question whether they will arrive here in time for the Meeting.

EVACUATION OF SIBERIA.

A Tsuruga dispatch to the Motichi says that according to a rumour which is circulating at Vladivostok as emanating from most reliable sources, the evacuation of Siberia by the Japanese troops will commence about November 11th. These troops will gradually be withdrawn to Vladivostok, whence they will all be sent back to Japan by March at the latest. With the troops, most of the Japanese residents at Vladivostok and elsewhere are expected to return home. A general meeting of these residents is expected to be held shortly to discuss the situation. There has been a remarkable crop of rumours about the evacuation of Siberia and Shantung ever since the Washington Conference came into view. There is no good foundation for them.—Japan Chronicle.

News in To-day's New Advertisements.

"All Dotted Up" is the attraction at the Coronet to-night; and the feature of the Kowloon bill is entitled "The Widow's Might,"—Page 12.

To-morrow the World Theatre will screen the big picture "Lifting Shadows,"—Page 5. The J.C.L. advise consignees of cargo of the arrival of the Van Cloon,—Page 5.

Lady Gollers will find an announcement of interest on Page 4. The Annual Meeting of the Hongkong Football Club will be held on September 27,—Page 4.

Gibb, Livingston advise consignees of cargo per s.s. Benledi of that vessel's arrival in port,—Page 4.

A lot of Larsen Grifflins will arrive here Sunday morning,—Page 4. Two Lots of Land at Shamshui-po will be put up for auction at the P.W.D. Office on September 26,—Page 4.

To-Day's Exchange.

The closing rate of the dollar on demand, to-day was 2s. 10½d.

The Weather.

3 p.m. Barometer—29.87. Temperature—82. Humidity—64.

Lighting-Up Time.

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Reflection On Crew Of
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A COMPLAINT AND AN APOLOGY.

The *Central China Post* on Sept. 19th published the following letter: Dear Sir,—While I like to see our sailors enjoy themselves during their hours of freedom ashore, I do strongly object to the rowdiness that has been going on nightly both inside and outside of the International Hotel, since the arrival of the "Curlew."

These men do not seem to realize that they are disturbing the rest of the people in the vicinity by their midnight brawling and I shall feel greatly obliged, and others also, if you will kindly use your influence to bring this matter to the right authorities and have this place put out of bounds, if the men cannot behave themselves better than they are doing at present.

Thanking you in advance,

W. J. Crooks.

37, Kitakasaia.

Hankow, Sept. 19.
The *Central China Post* of August 19th says:

Our attention has been drawn to the fact that the letter published in our issue last Friday and complaining against the sounds of conviviality heard recently as coming from both inside and outside the International Hotel has caused a great degree of resentment both among the officers and on the lower deck of H. M. S. Curlew.

As is well known, it is our general rule to publish any letters sent to us which may be taken as voicing a public complaint, it being always understood that the party complaining against has an equal right to use our columns in rejoinder of defence. Unfortunately at the time we published this letter we lost sight of the fact that men in His Majesty's service are prohibited from making communications of any sort to the Press, and for this reason the appearance of the letter we feel to have been an infringement of the fair-play which we desire to give to the exponents of all sides of any public question.

In the Fleet pride of place with regard to each ship's conduct is most strenuously competed by all hands. H.M.S. Curlew, we understand, has in all the ports she has visited on the China Station always maintained a very high position in this respect, and therefore the reflection upon the ship indicated in this letter was looked upon by her company as being unwarranted, particularly in view of there being quite a number of war vessels in port at the present time.

Personally, we feel that a very large amount of sympathy should be extended to the men of the war vessels that stand in our port, and that the sympathy might be sufficient to let us close our ears to any sounds of exuberance that may from time to time come from them. They are not here for their own pleasure but for the protection of our community. After being cooped up in tropic weather in the combination of oven and machine-shop, which represents a modern warship

WELCOME BACK! BROCADES!

BY MARIAN HALE

Brocade, that necromancer who calls forth spirits of a Watteau past, brocade that visions for us those bygone days of gallantry and charm, is to influence the evening toilettes of the coming season.

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The brocade bodice, which is cut low, is square-necked and is slightly pointed in front at the waist line. There are no sleeves but straps of chenille and pearls which are suggested around the top of the bodice also are the substitutes for sleeves. The skirt is long compared with our past and present standards.



they must get ashore and amuse themselves when opportunity offers. Hankow has but few amusements, and if the sailors find that a sing-song at an hotel is one of the cheeriest ways of spending the evening which they can think of, they are at any rate only doing what a very large number of our own community do nightly at the various clubs in town. People who live near the places where the sounds of conviviality hail from may possibly have their early sleep a little interfered with but they have no more ground for complaint than those who live in the neighbourhood of one or other of the clubs and no more reason for fixing the boisterousness upon any one of the vessels in port than would have the latter if they claimed that racket to be heard at such and such a club was caused exclusively by the members of some particular hong.

Since writing the above we have received the following letter from Mr. Crooks:—

"*Central China Post*."
Dear Sir,—Referring to my letter published in your issue of the 6th instant, I wish to state that I have since had an interview with Captain H. E. Sullivan, D. S. O., of H. M. S. Curlew and have much pleasure in hereby refuting the wrong impression this letter may have caused regarding the general behaviour of the Ship's Company; and I do not in any way wish to put a blemish on the good name of the ship.

Yours faithfully,

W. J. Crooks.

37 Kitakasaia.

Hankow, Sept. 11.

BEARDING THE PREMIER.

A Doll Episode at Peking.

According to a recent Peking report, Premier Chin Yun-peng has absented himself from the Cabinet offices for several days and refuses to attend meetings professing to be too deeply distressed by Wu Pei-fu's negotiations with Hunan, which are contrary to the Government's wishes and expectations, to consider affairs of state.

A stronger and more personal reason is said to be his fear of encountering there, or en route to or from his house, old General Chiang Chao-tsung, former head of the Peking gendarmerie, who, as the representative of the Anhui gentry, is after the scraps of the Cabinet in general and of Premier Chin in particular for insisting upon the appointment of an ex-colleague of Ngyi Tze-chung's, named Li, to the civil governorship of Anhui.

Some days ago, according to current report, General Chiang called at the Premier's house, representing the Anhui folk, to enter protest against this appointment. The Premier's servants told him that Chin Yun-peng was in bed, but the old General brushed aside the servants, remarking that they were servants, and entered the Premier's private apartments.

MME. CHIN INTERVENES.
There he stated his case, but the Premier, to his surprise, refused flatly to consider a revision of the Cabinet's decision because Li was the President's appointee. General Chiang scoffed at this and pronounced it a feeble excuse, but the Premier did not weaken. The dispute became a violent argument and finally the Premier

called in a member of his body-guard to eject his old friend. The latter, also very angry, called in the soldiers who accompanied him, slapped one of the Premier's servants who tried to lead him to the door, and pounded the table in his fury. A real fight might have ensued, if Mme. Chin Yun-peng, attracted by the uproar, had not entered and ordered all parties into the court, remarking that the private apartments were her domain within which she would have no friends and that if they wanted to fight they might do so in the street.

General Chiang and his followers beat a retreat, but he tried to take the Premier with him to the Cabinet offices. Chin Yun-peng escaped his clutches, however, and has not attended office since.

IRRITATED & INFLAMED EYE

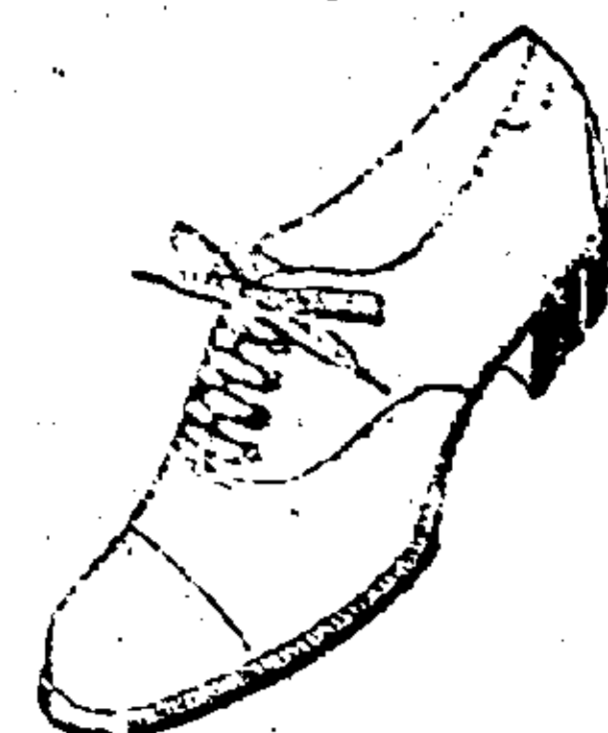
can be directly traced in many cases to the Sunday Motor trip and Golfing. The dust from some sections of the local roads contain a decided eye irritant. A suggestion for these trips would be to keep the windshield up and to use a pair of Sun glasses. Sun glasses of any pattern with either Crookes, Luxel, Fienzal, Amber, London Smoke, or Blue lenses are obtainable at very moderate prices from The Hongkong Optical Co., Successors to Clark & Co., Manufacturing and Refracting Opticians—the most competent manufacturing optical establishment in South China—located in 53, Queen's Road Central, (opposite to the Singer Sewing Machine Company).

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NOTICE OF MEETING.

HONGKONG FOOTBALL CLUB.
The 34th Annual General Meeting of Members will be held in the offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., (top floor) by kind permission on Tuesday 27th September 1921 at 3.45 p.m.

LARSSEN SUBSCRIPTION GRIFFINS.

The 49 Subs are due to arrive in Hongkong Sunday morning 25th inst. and will be drawn for Sunday afternoon at 5 p.m. at the Jockey Club Stables.

H. BIRKETT,
Clerk of the Course.

ROYAL HONGKONG GOLF CLUB.

Ladies' Section.

Ladies are reminded that the monthly qualifying competition for the Captain's Cup will be played over Deep Water Bay Course on Tuesday 27th Sept. Next month's competition will be played at Fanling.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

Members wishing to subscribe for HORSE BAZAAR SUBSCRIPTION GRIFFINS for the 1922 Official Meeting will find lists at the Hongkong Club, Jockey Club Stables and at the Race Course.

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CANADIAN PACIFIC OCEAN SERVICES, LIMITED.

Effective from the 8th September 1921 the name of the "Canadian Pacific Ocean Services, Limited" has been changed to "CANADIAN PACIFIC STEAMSHIPS, LIMITED."

P. A. COX,
General Agent.

Hongkong, 16th September, 1921.

THE HONGKONG & WHAMPOA DOCK CO., LTD.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Share Register and Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 1st to the 8th October, 1921, both days inclusive.

Warrants for the Interim Dividend can be obtained at the Office of the Company, 2, Queen's Buildings, Hongkong, on and after the 11th October next.

By Order of the Board,
R. M. DYER,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 17th September, 1921.

G. R. NOTICE.

Particulars and Conditions of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on Monday, the 25th day of September, 1921, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of one Lot of Crown Land at Shamshuipo in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 24 years, less 3 days.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Lot	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in Acres	Annual Rent	First Price
1	New Kowloon Island	100 feet by 100 feet	1.00	£200	£1,000
2	New Kowloon Island	100 feet by 100 feet	1.00	£200	£1,000
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"BEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

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From ANTWERP, MIDDLESBRO, LONDON and STRAITS.

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All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 6th prox., or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 29th inst. at 10 a.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be counter-signed by

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Hongkong, 22nd Sept., 1921.

THE COWIE HARBOUR COAL COMPANY LIMITED.
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The undersigned are prepared to quote prices for best quality freshly mined SILIMPOPON COAL, trimmed into Bunkers at SEBATTIK or SANDAKAN (British North Borneo) or to contract for regular Bunker Supplies for 6 or 12 months at favourable rates.

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THEATRE ROYAL.

Last Night's Concert.

Another excellent concert was given at the Theatre Royal last night, the programme being a varied one and showing the artists—Anna El-Tour, Vera Mirova and Leo Podolsky—in many moods. The audience enjoyed themselves to the utmost every second of the evening and all the items brought forth well-deserved applause.

Miss El-Tour, who is quite at home in almost any language, rendered songs in English, Russian, French and Italian with great feeling. She has a masterly control over her voice and is capable of expressing the spirit and mood of her songs with artistry. Her love ditties, which she explained in English and afterwards sang in Russian, greatly appealed, as did also the old favourites "Annie Laurie" and "Robin Adair," the latter item being rendered by request.

Miss Mirova's classical dancing held the audience from the start to finish of every piece. Her wonderfully graceful oscillations and poses were a triumph of her art. Light as a feather, she flitted about the stage showing beauty in every step. Her Japanese dance was very popular. Miss Mirova was accompanied in this item by Mrs. Mitsunuki, who played the while on a native instrument and sang in Japanese, giving a truly Oriental touch to the dance.

Mr. Podolsky rendered many excellent pieces on the piano. His soft touch and masterly control over the instrument were a revelation. He particularly excelled in Debussy's compositions and his interpretations of this master showed him to be a great exponent of the later musical composers.

HONGKONG TRAMS.

Electric Co. to Supply Power.

Those interested in the Hongkong Tramway Company and the Hongkong Electric Company will be pleased to learn of a new enterprise in which both companies are concerned. The Tramway Company has for some time been in negotiations with the Electric Company with the object of coming to some arrangement whereby the trams might be run off the latter company's power. The final details of the scheme have now been settled and during the last few days the two companies signed a long term agreement, which will be advantageous to both parties. The Electric Company have ordered rotary converters by which they will be able to supply direct current. When these arrive and have been installed, which should be by about April next, the electric power will be supplied by the other company.

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The United Motor Co., Ltd.

COMPANY REPORT.

The Douglas Steamship Company, Limited.

The report to be presented to the shareholders at the thirty-eighth ordinary general meeting of the Douglas Steamship Company to be held on Friday, September 30th, states:—

The General Managers beg to submit to the Shareholders their report on the Thirty-eight year's working of the Company ended 30th of June, 1921.

Political disturbances in China and consequent restricted business; increased competition, and a phenomenal advance in the cost of liquid fuel during the first six months of the period under review, have all militated against profitable working of the steamers in our regular trade.

After paying all running expenses, ordinary Docking Charges, Premium of Insurance, Allowances for Leave, and Pensions of the Floating Staff, and transferring \$31,127.66 from the Reserve Fund to meet the cost of Special Repairs, Renewals, and Additions to Steamers, there remains the sum of \$101,461.46 at credit of Profit and Loss Account, which, subject to the approval of Shareholders, it is proposed to appropriate as follows:—

To pay a Dividend of 7 per cent. (\$3.50) \$70,000.

To write off the Value of the Company's Steamers and Properties \$31,461.46.

Consulting Committee.—Mr. John Johnstone resigned on leaving the Colony and Mr. D. G. M. Bernard was invited to fill his place. The Committee now consist of Messrs. D. G. M. Bernard, W. E. Clarke and A. O. Lang, who retire but offer themselves for re-election.

Auditors.—The Accounts for the first half year were audited by Messrs. C. Bernard Brown and A. R. Lowe and for final half year by Messrs. C. Bernard Brown and A. E. M. Williams (the latter acting for Mr. A. R. Lowe) Messrs. A. R. Lowe and C. Bernard Brown retire but offer themselves for re-election.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS.

Addresses By Dr. Hodgkin.

Dr. H. T. Hodgkin is to address a series of three meetings in the City Hall on Wednesday and Friday, October 3th and 7th, at 5.30 p.m., and also on Sunday, October 9th, in the Theatre, at 9.15 p.m.

The first two meetings will last not more than one hour. Discussion is invited. Dr. Hodgkin's subject will be "The Christian Revolution," the address on Oct. 5 being entitled "The New World," and on Oct. 7 being "The Way of Hope." On Oct. 9th "Salvaging Civilization" will be the title.

ONE TROUBLE AFTER ANOTHER.

"Misfortunes never come singly," says the old adage, and few can say that they have never found this to be true. In the case of Mr. P. B. D. Ratnaika, employed on the Ingiriya Tea Estate, at Matale, Ceylon, malaria was the original trouble and rheumatism followed after. It was not until he drove the rheumatic poison out of his blood by the use of Dr. Williams' pink pills that he found permanent cure. Here are the facts as related by Mr. Ratnaika when seen at his home, 451 Rattota Road, Matale, a while ago.

"Malarial fever pulled me down so greatly that I became a victim to rheumatism which caused me great suffering for one and a half years," said he. "My joints swelled horribly, and I suffered intense pain in them, also around my waist and in my right hand. So weak and helpless did I eventually become that I could not stand on my legs and was obliged to take to my bed for six months."

Nothing prescribed benefited me and I began to despair of recovery. But one day I was led to try Dr. Williams' pink pills. Then the pain perceptibly lessened day by day. The swelling left my joints, and headaches which had been among my symptoms ceased. By the time that I had finished five bottles of Dr. Williams' pink pills I found myself completely cured. Since then I have kept in excellent health."

Malaria so impoverishes the blood and undermines the system that sufferers from it often fall victim to other maladies as well, chief of which are rheumatism, gout, lumbago and sciatica, also digestive troubles. In all such cases Dr. Williams' pink pills for pale people, the famous blood and nerve tonic, are of the utmost value. They are obtainable from medicine vendors everywhere, also post free at \$1.50 the bottle, \$3.00 for six bottles, from the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., 96 Seaboard Road, Shanghai.

AUSTRALIAN TRADE COMMISSIONERS.

More than 6,000 applications are said to have been received by the Australian Commonwealth Government for positions as Assistant Trade Commissioners at Shanghai and Hongkong.

Dr. Hodgkin has been doing a considerable amount of lecturing in Great Britain, on the Continent of Europe, in America, and more recently in the Far East on Social and International reconstruction. He is also known as a writer on these subjects.

H. E. Lt.-General Sir G. M. Kirkpatrick, K.C.B., K.C.S.I. will take the chair on October 5th. Dr. Claud Severn, C.M.G., on October 7th; and H. E. The Governor on October 9th.



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Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 26th inst. will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 3rd Oct., or they will not be recognised.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 26th inst. at 10 a.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

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Hongkong, 19th Sept., 1921.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

DOMINIKUS PAKETVAART
MAATSCHAPPIJFrom BELAWAN DELI,
PENANG & SINGAPORE.The Steamship
"VAN CLOON"

having arrived from the above ports, consignees of cargo by her are notified that all goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra-hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd., whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

Goods not cleared by the 27th Sept., 1921 will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged packages are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 26th Sept., 1921 at 10 a.m. by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.

Claims against the steamer must be presented in writing within ten days after arrival of steamer, otherwise they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by the undersigned in any case whatever.

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CONSIGNEES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA.

From KOBE, via DAIREN
AND SHANGHAI.The Company's Steamship
"CELEBES MARU"

having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified that their goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where delivery can be obtained as soon as the goods are landed.

Goods not cleared by the 26th Sept., 1921 will be subject to rent.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees' representative and the Company's Surveyors.

Messrs. Goddard and Douglas, at 10 a.m. on Wednesday and Saturday. All claims must be presented within ten days after which date they cannot be recognised.

No claim will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.

No fire insurance whatever will be effected.

Consignees are requested to send their Bills of Lading for countersignature immediately.

O-ASA SH. SEN KAISHA,
Y. YASUDA,
Manager.

Hongkong, 20th September, 1921.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE ADMIRAL LINE.

The Steamship

"HAWKEYE STATE"

having arrived from Seattle, Wash, via ports, on 19th inst., consignees are hereby notified that their cargo is being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hon Shan Godown Co., Nos. 16 & 17 Kennedy Town Praya, Hongkong, and stored at consignee's risk.

Consignees of cargo must produce an Import permit signed by the Superintendent of Imports and Exports, Hongkong, before Bills of Lading will be countersigned.

All broken, chafed and damaged cargo is to be left in the Godowns where it will be examined at 10 a.m. on 24th inst. by the Co's Surveyors, Messrs. Goddard and Douglas.

All claims must be presented within thirty days of the steamer's arrival here, after which they cannot be recognised. No claim will be recognised after the goods have left the Godowns, and cargo undelivered on and after Sept. 26th will be subject to rent.

No fire insurance whatever will be effected.

Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature immediately.

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S. Celebrities.

Somebody has written a book called "Mirrors of Washington," published by G. P. Putnam's Sons, New York. The publication has caused a good deal of speculation as to the identity of the author. Here are mirrored, after the fashion of the "Mirrors of Downing Street," which made such a hit in England, most of the outstanding public men of our day in America—Harding, Wilson, Harvey, Hughes, House, Hoover, Lodge, Baruch, Root, Johnson, Knox, Lansing, Penrose, and Borah.

The author writes with discernment of Hughes, with affection of Baruch, with satire of most of the others. The bitterness of the exonerations of Wilson and others detracts from the historical value of much of the work and even the Senator's critics will grant that the sketch of the Senate leader's character was left to soak too long in the dregs of the author's venom. Moreover the American "Man with the Duster" has cut a cross section of current political, where his English contemporaries gave a rather more well-rounded, though, equally uncensored picture of his characters in the setting of their times.

But the "Mirrors of Washington" has many of the qualities needed to make the book a good seller. It deals with public men. It purports to tell the "Inside story" of their character. It contains enough art and background, at least in the Hughes sketch, to disarm much of the prejudice anyone must feel who sees the announcement that somebody has sought to do another "Mirrors of Downing Street." It has the envied gift of anonymity. And it contains indiscretions delicious enough to satisfy the most exacting gossip.

Few correspondents have dared to do much more than hint at what they have heard of the President's estimate of Elihu Root. But the "Man with the Duster" blurs it right out:

"That man Root," he quotes Mr. Harding as saying last fall at Marion, "has done more harm to the Republican party than any other man in it. He is always pursuing some end of his own, or some outsider. You remember the Panama Canal bill incident. That was an example of the kind of trouble he has always been making for the party."

The President, it appears, ultimately chose Mr. Hughes over Mr. Root as Secretary of State because "a certain moral quality in Mr. Hughes outweighed Mr. Root's wider experience and greater reputation."

The present Secretary of State the author describes as "the best mind in Washington," though he qualifies that by the remark that this "is not excessive praise, for minds are not common in the Government." The operations of the Hughes mind, the author says, were described to him by a member of the Cabinet, "who said that no matter what subject was up at a Cabinet meeting, it was always the Secretary of State who said the final convincing word about it, summing it all up, saying what every one else had been trying to say but no one else had entirely succeeded in saying."

Conclusions, with Mr. Hughes, "rest upon the absolute rock of principle, as morality for his preacher father rested upon the absolute rock of the Ten Commandments. . . . Mr. Hughes never hesitates. He never says, 'I must think about that.' He has thought about it. Or he turns instantly to his principle and has the answer. . . . His attitude

towards Col. Harvey's and other of the President's diplomatic appointments takes its colour from his good father's attitude towards the problem of evil. God put evil into the world, and it is not for man to question. The President sends the Harveys abroad; they are not Mr. Hughes's, but his own personal representatives. It is not for Mr. Hughes to question."

We have Mr. Harding's modesty to thank, according to the "men with the duster," for the excellence of the present Cabinet.

THE PICTURE OF WILSON

Mr. Wilson he depicts as always "running away from life," the victim of successive failures. It is as a lawyer, a historian, and a college president. He gives Col. House no adequate credit for

his genuine accomplishments as a diplomat, or for having one of the most prehensile minds of his day. He expatiates on the popular distrust of Mr. Root, characterizes Senator Johnson as a "vast tin amplifier of the voice of the mass," and puts the case convincingly for those who hold that Mr. Robert Lansing is no hero. He speaks *con amore* of Mr. Baruch alone.

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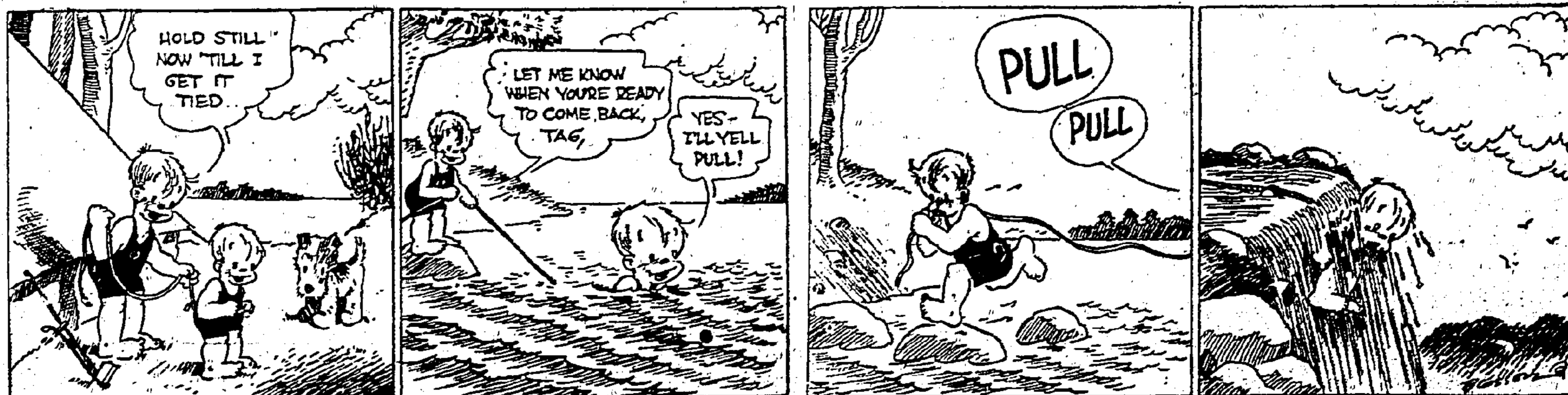
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Marriage.

STALKER—SHORT.—On September 21st at the Union Church, Archibald Stalker, son of Duncan Stalker, Milngavie, Scotland, to Mary C. Short, daughter of Alfred Robinson, Liverpool.

Death.

TONG.—At her residence in Hongkong, on September 20th. Mrs. T. P. Tong.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 1921.

THE SERVICES DOLLAR.

There are few local residents who will not remember the strenuous efforts made by the Chamber of Commerce and the Press to get the concession popularly known as "The Services Dollar." Yes, it is a comparatively long time ago now since we had all that fuss and worry in order to get for the men in naval and military employ a low stabilised dollar. They get paid in sterling and if their pay is handed to them here in dollars at the current rate of exchange they not only get but little when the dollar is high but they get varying amounts according to the vagaries of the local currency. When the dollar jumped up to over six shillings it would have meant absolute poverty for naval and military men if they had drawn just the bare local equivalent of their sterling pay. And so, a long time ago there was a big agitation, questions were asked in the Legislative Council, the Press was inundated with letters and published articles about the matter. And then the Treasury at Home gave way, established a "Services Dollar" and everybody was happy.

Now, that concession is going to be abolished, official news to this effect having been received in the Colony by way of telegraphic instructions. Just what the effect is going to be with regard to naval men is not yet known because there is to be a revision of the pay list. The present system of exchange compensation must, says the instruction, definitely cease on September 30th, and all future payments must be made on the basis of the official rate of exchange. Before that time it is hoped to have completed a revision of the local rates of pay and so there is a fair amount of optimism prevailing that the change will not very seriously affect the remuneration received in local dollars, provided the dollar does not soar to any great height. To do away with the concession and give nothing in return would, in the great majority of cases, mean a reduction in salary of something like 20 or 25 per cent. with the dollar standing where it does to-day. If the dollar went higher the position would be made worse. In regard to the military we have not been able to glean any very definite information but seeing that all matters relating to services pay emanates from the Treasury at Home it can be taken for granted that the concession dollar is to be abolished for the military as well. Whether a revision of pay is to be made in this case as in the case of naval men, we do not know.

One thing is certain and that is that the concession for which local men struggled so hard is to pass. In view of the great cry for economy at Home it might be a good thing, from the Treasury point of view, to stabilise its sterling obligations in Hongkong and to leave the men out here to take all the risk with regard to a rising or falling dollar. But it is not a good thing for men in the Imperial service to have their pay subjected to wild fluctuations which might benefit them one month and impoverish them the next. If the promised revision of pay is on a generous scale matters might even up and give cause for no more than a passing note of the change. But we think it behoves local naval and military officials to safeguard the interests of their subordinates by pointing out, clearly and unmistakably, that it is unfair to make a man's earnings dependent on the fluctuations of exchange. Perhaps our local Chamber of Commerce, which interested itself in this matter when it was raised before, will give it their attention.

NOTES & COMMENTS.

"Good and Lawful Prize."

"And this, my Lord," said Sir Wilfrid Price (of counsel) with a break in his voice, is the last of the big contraband cases of the Great War," records the *Liverpool Journal of Commerce*. It is not difficult to credit the break in the voice. Both branches of the legal profession have been experiencing "the time of their lives." The aggregate of the property involved in the Prize Court proceedings beggars the imagination. Long before the war ended the tribunal was set up, and day after day it has been dealing with cases involving enormous sums. The final case, just mentioned, had reference to contraband valued at £380,000, which the Court adjudged to be "good and lawful prize," and this was a small affair compared with many. To scan the proceedings that have taken place before the Prize Court is a very good way of learning how vigilant was the "silent Navy." Consignment after consignment affecting Herr Hugo Stinnes has been confiscated. There had been no British Prize Court, on a serious scale at any rate, since the Crimea, and naturally maritime conditions were found to have undergone extensive change. The late Sir Samuel Evans, who was President of the Admiralty Division when the Prize Court was set up, found himself confronted with a number of novel points. The amount of prize seized from first to last ought to be some real help towards the cost of the war, while the *perpetrators* of cruisers and other craft must have made a good haul for themselves in the shape of prize-money. By the way, one of the questions that perplexed the Court was suggestive of that famous institution, "the Swiss Navy," the problem having reference to "prize" captured on inland seas. British maritime jurisprudence had no precedent for this, except in reference to the Great Lakes of America, which takes the mind back to the unhappy days of strife between Britain and our kinsman in the New World. But the United States and Canada have just celebrated the centenary of peace along that border.

China's Sensible Decision.

In last Saturday's issue we referred to China's programme in regard to the size and cost of the delegation to the Washington Conference, for which a sum of no less £2,000,000 was proposed to be taken out of the country's straitened exchequer. We now read that, in consideration of the heavy expense, it has been decided to reduce the delegation to three-fifths of the original number. The delegation is thus brought down from a hundred to sixty. This is surely a sensible decision, especially as the calibre rather than the number of the delegates is the important point. Mr. Alfred Zee, it is stated, will head the delegation, and as Minister to Washington there is a certain fitness in this. Like Dr. Wellington Koo, who also is expected to be a member of the delegation, and whose abilities have made such a favourable impression in connection with the League of Nations, Mr. Zee has exhibited real understanding of modern conditions. And now it is up to North and South to agree upon the composition of the delegation without more delay.

Unlucky Photographer.

Apparently the Japanese police authorities have not yet entered into the new spirit of the times, but seek to preserve as far as possible the atmosphere of seclusion that traditionally surrounds the Imperial House. On the Crown Prince's homecoming they issued orders that the welcome was to be as restrained as possible. All the same there were many *Banzais*, the good people of Nippon being manifestly delighted to see their Heir Apparent after his novel experience. There is still, we understand, a rule in Japan against gazing at Imperial processions, but it has ceased to be rigorously enforced; in fact, the Emperor Meiji was frequently cheered without calling forth rebuke. In 1921 and on such an occasion, it is a matter for surprise that the police should have done anything in the direction of reviving an archaic edict. Spontaneous emotion transcended obsolete regulations and official pedantry, the people cheering and waving hats and handkerchiefs all the way from the station to Takamasa Palace, doubtless to the gratification of the Prince, accustomed to democratic greet-

DAY BY DAY.

THERE IS PLENTY OF ROOM AT THE TOP, BUT THERE IS NO ELEVATOR IN THE BUILDING.—G. H. Lorimer.

There was one non-fatal case of enteric fever and one non-fatal case of paratyphoid fever reported yesterday.

The Repulse Bay road is now completely restored, doing away with the necessity for motorists to use the loop just past the pumping station.

The body of the seaman, who was accidentally drowned while the lifeboat was being launched from the Sunning, was yesterday picked up by the Water Police after a search.

A Chinese was yesterday removed to the Government Civil Hospital suffering from injuries received in an attempt to alight from a moving tram at Des Voeux Road Central.

The following will represent the "United" in a League match against the Lusitano team this evening:—Messrs. A. E. Simmons, J. Rodger, C. Logan, D. Laing, J. C. Finch, E. W. Railton and W. Gerrard.

A girl of 20 on board the s.s. "Sochow" which plys between Hongkong and Shanghai, was reported by the British Consul to the Canton Government, to have committed suicide by jumping overboard near Sampanshan on the evening of the 17th.

The attendance at the Canton Y.M.C.A. School is increasing by leaps and bounds. The attendance in 1920 was about forty students while in the first term of 1921 there were not more than sixty-eight. The opening of the present term shows the unprecedented record of 105 students. It has no more seats in the lower class, and another new class-room will be provided to accommodate the overflowing attendance.

Stating that he desired to be armed against bandits who had carried away his family from their native village at Sun Wei, a returned Chinese emigrant from Canada entered a plea of "guilty" to a charge of having possession of a revolver and a number of percussion caps and cartridges, the latter concealed with some ingenuity in holes drilled in the sides of a wooden case. His Worship, in imposing a fine of \$160, told the defendant he could have the arms back on the production of a certificate from the Canton authorities within three months.

LOCAL WEDDING.

Stalker-Short.

The wedding was solemnised at the Union Church yesterday afternoon of Mr. Archibald Stalker, of the Taikoo Dock and Engineering Company, to Miss Mary Cook Short who arrived here a few days ago from Australia by the steamer Chang-sha.

The ceremony was performed in the presence of a large number of friends by the Pastor, Rev. J. Kirk Macdonachie, who was assisted at the organ by Mr. Chapman. Attired in a dress of white silk nixon with hat to match, and carrying a bouquet of pink roses, the bride was given away by Mr. J. McCubbin, of the Hongkong and China Gas Company. She was attended by a maid of honour, Miss Connie Hansen, who wore a dress of pale blue silk nixon and carried a bouquet of pink roses. Mr. W. Brown, of the Taikoo Docks, officiated as "best man."

The subsequent reception was held at the residence of Mr. McCubbin, Louisville, at West Point. Later in the day Mr. and Mrs. Stalker left for Repulse Bay where the honeymoon is being spent. The bride's going away dress was of nigger brown crepe-de-chine.

ings after his tour of the West. And so all ended well, except for one luckless Press photographer, who went too close up and was "snapped" by the police just as he had snapped the hero of the scene.

CHINESE NEWS.

An American Loan.

A member of the Provincial Assembly has prepared a bill to submit to the next meeting protesting against the Municipality for negotiating an American loan of \$15,000,000.

Headquarters has instructed the commander in Chin Shan to order his soldiers to strictly observe discipline, but to be on their guard both at Chin Shan and Ngan Hang, (the north and west boundary in Macao) pending the settlement of the incident between the government and the Portuguese consul.

The magistrate of Yung Shan district has reported that three American female missionaries who were kidnapped by robbers have been released, and that two of the robbers were captured.

It is reported that Chan King-ming, owing to the important military affairs in Lungchow, has removed his headquarters to Shung Sin to direct the military movements personally.

A Peking telegram states that Chun Luk the Minister in Paris has resigned and Wu Wai-tik is believed to be his successor and the premier has agreed to temporarily remain in office pending the arrival of Chan Jek-lin to Peking.

A message from Shanghai is to the effect that Wu Pui-fu arrived at Ichang in the 19th with a strong force and defeated the Szechuen troops next morning. All important points have thus been recaptured.

We take the following from the *Canton Times*:

According to a report from Nanning, the capital of Kwangsi, the authorities there have decided to have the provincial seat removed from Nanning to Wuchow, a city which, according to the opinion of the authorities, is more important than Nanning both politically and commercially. The Provincial Treasury of Kwangsi, it is reported, will first be removed to Wuchow, but the question of removing the provincial seat and other provincial bureaux will be considered later, probably after the remnants of the defeated Kwangsi militarists in Lungchow have been entirely cleared out of the province.

In order to have the finances of Kwangtung Province properly adjusted, Governor Chen Chung-ming has ordered that a Bureau of Auditing be created. Mr. Liu Chun-tung has been appointed by the Governor to the post of Director of the new Bureau. It is reported that the Bureau will be located in the Governor's Office.

CHINA COAST.

Latest Changes.

Mr. W. J. Andrews, chief officer, Suifuang, has gone acting master, Hoilow.

Mr. H. G. Appleby has been appointed second officer, Suifuang. Mr. R. Loughnan, second officer, Suifuang, has gone acting chief officer, same ship.

Mr. W. G. McKenzie, second officer, Fengtien, has signed off. Mr. D. H. Todd, second officer, Fengtien, has gone second engineer, Kashing.

Mr. R. J. McClelland, chief officer, Luenho, has gone acting master, Kutwo. Captain G. F. James of the Kutwo, is on reserve. Mr. W. H. Watson, from reserve, has gone second officer, Kutwo.

Mr. J. H. Davey, second officer, Luenho, has gone acting chief officer, same ship.

Mr. R. S. Bonnard, from reserve, has gone acting chief officer, Hopsang. Mr. H. Rawetron, chief officer, Hopsang, is on leave.

Mr. T. Ogier, second officer, Wosang, has resigned.

Mr. D. Mason, from leave, has gone chief engineer, Tungshing. Mr. C. Ross, acting chief engineer, Tungshing, has gone second engineer, Koonshing. Mr. J. S. Macdonald, second engineer, Koonshing, is on reserve.

Mr. W. G. Probert, super-numerary second engineer, Luenho, has gone second engineer, Wosang.

Mr. J. S. Black, second engineer, Wosang, has gone acting chief engineer, Hopsang. Mr. D. Ellis, chief engineer, Hopsang, is on leave.

Captain J. Bettison, of the Tseangshab, is on reserve. Captain O. C. Blown, from leave, has gone master, Tseangshab. Mr. R. Ferguson has been appointed chief officer, Tseangshab.

THE MACAO AFFAIR.

A Portuguese Ultimatum.

A grave situation has developed in connection with Sino-Portuguese relations at Macao where in consequence of the firing on a Portuguese police launch by Chinese soldiers stationed on Lappa Island, great military activities are being carried out. Information received this morning in the form of a private telegram was to the effect that mobilisation of the Volunteers is being carried out and that fighting is probable.

The message also states that a communication worded in the form of an ultimatum, has been addressed to the Chinese authorities demanding the withdrawal of the Chinese gunboat which since the commencement of the trouble, has been stationed in the inner harbour close to the inner shore of Lappa Island. The ultimatum fixes 6 p.m. to-day as the time limit for compliance with the order.

To understand the present situation properly it is necessary to recall the circumstances under which an agreement was made a number of years ago defining the status of Lappa Island. This Island, it will be seen from a glance at the map, commands a strategic position over the inner harbour, which it encloses, in fact, on one side. The one aim of the agreement, at least so far as the Portuguese Colony is concerned, was to preserve the strategic defence of the Peninsula, and in order to bring this about, the treaty, while agreeing to Chinese jurisdiction over Lappa Island, stipulated that no military defences should be carried out in that territory, which was to be considered as a neutral zone. The waters of the inner harbour and those around Taipa and other islands lying off the Peninsula are claimed by the Portuguese to be within their jurisdiction.

The attack carried out from the shore of Lappa Island and the stationing of a gunboat in waters considered to be within the jurisdiction of the Colony, are now considered by the Portuguese authorities to be an infringement of the conditions of this treaty. It may perhaps be unnecessary to say that the Chinese hold views which differ from these. They, on their part, claim that the gunboat is within the waters of Lappa Island, though these may be within the inner harbour also. An illustration of the de-ermined views which the Portuguese Government hold in this matter is that they have, by ultimatum, demanded the withdrawal of the gunboat from her present anchorage.

Though fighting is imminent, the population of Macao is quiet, it is stated in the telegram.

BARON TANAKA'S APPOINTMENT. General Baron Tanaka, formerly Minister for War, has been appointed War Councillor.

Between Ourselves

By Robt. MacWhirter.

Before I make a start to-day, there's just one thing I'd like to say. A wee bird has been whispering, the outcome of it being that MacPherson hasn't been getting the credit that's due him. Now I'm for none of your "hocus-pocus of a dual personality" stuff being thrown at me. It takes me all my time to keep my own end up as it is.

No, no, fair's fair. What another man writes I take no credit for, nor yet, mind ye, the blame. Of course, a close observer of style will have noticed the difference. I thought I'd just mention it all the same.

The only thing I've left to be thankful for, is that Joe's brain and mine dinna' function the same. There can be no mistake in that connection.

Man, there was an awful stir in our office the day before yesterday. Joe, he had a sore head, and no wonder. If it wasn't a copy that was late it was somebody that wanted to rewrite his version on the edge of the first proof and then to cow 'e, in comes an Irishman who in the forefront of his conversation confessed to running away to sea as a boy and who finally wound up wi' the assertion that he knew more about Ireland than most folks, for he'd spent the best part o' forty years there. The only real conjunction between him and the Green Sod was his brogue. But he wasn't a bad chap, having asked kindly for us all and the cost of an advertisement at the same time. He got our figure and I think, our measure, for we haven't seen him since.

But Joe, he kept worrying. As I laye tell him it'll all come to the same thing a year after this. Man, there's lo's o' fun in a newspaper office too when ye come to think of it. Of course, a chap must live, what w' keeping a wife and hired servants, no'to speak o' their relations forbye, but man I sometimes think it's a shame to take the money. I'm firmly convinced that we get more enjoyment piecing the old *Snit* fo'together every day than the public who read it. Besides, they've got to buy it. I'm fond o' a joke but I draw the line at that.

But as I was saying, Joe, he was inclined to be a bit liverish. That's the worst o' Repulse Bay o' a Sunday night. No, that I'm casting up anything you know but the sun can be devilish strong out there when ye come to think of it. Some o' these days I must take a turn that length myself but I'm no' nearly so good at the walking as I used to be. Nothing better than a fine tramp on a Sunday. But as I say, that sort o' thing doesn't seem to agree wi' everyone.

He and I hadna just what ye would call words wi' each other, Joe, him being being well brought up and having a brother in a Bank forbye, but at the same time there was what Janet would have said a kinda' dryness atween us for all that. So I let him alone poor soul and, thinking I'd do him a good turn, I turned to a pile o' newspapers and started to cut out some reprint for him. But I may as well have saved my time and went round and rested my feet on a long chair at the Club for all the thanks I got. Joe, he says I'm the dammest reprint cutter he ever saw. And that's

no' a thing to be proud of at the best o' times. No idea of news, says he. And yet I don't know. A thing can be interesting without being choked wi' information. I think. Take this bit for instance. I hope the compe can read it for it was crushed and dirty by the time I'd rescued it from Joe's gup dump. It's all about Suzanne. Just listen to this—

She came in costume, the band of bright green chiffon carefully adjusted over the marcel wave of her black locks, fastened with a single arrow of diamonds in front. Her lips were carefully reddened, and just a touch of rouge brightened the girlish glow of her cheeks. There was no dressing in the crowded locker room for her. One had to guess at the huge pink bows that showed through the thin pleated skirt somewhere above the graceful bare knees.

She was animated, beautiful, full of life—feminine as only French women can be feminine—appealing, as she wound a bit of French plaster around her right thumb.

"J'ai peur d'avoir mal," she said brightly, and laughed. Somewhere among the crowd on the club terrace Mrs. Mallory talked quietly to Tilden, the champion of champions. Once she clenched her slender browned hands, and showed her white teeth in a smile of quiet nervousness.

They went down the steps together, the bright French fairy and the quiet Norwegian-American woman, in the face of all the cameras.

LAWN BOWLS.

Shanghai Team's Fourth Victory.

The visiting team of Shanghai bowlers added another win to their list when they met and defeated a team representing the Craigengower Club yesterday. The Shanghai men have, therefore, won four matches—against the Kowloon Bowling Green, the Civil Service, the Police and the Craigengower Clubs—while they lost to Kowloon Cricket Club, Taikoo Club and the Interport match on Saturday.

Yesterday's match, like all the others of the series, was keenly contested, but was characterised by rather poor and ragged play on both sides. The rink was almost a replica of the Civil Service one in trickiness and scarcely conducive to good bowling. Omar was the only local player of merit—Allan being particularly weak. Nevertheless, as a "first season" team, Craigengower shaped tolerably well and would certainly have scored higher but for occasional weak generalship. The Shanghai players were obviously feeling the strain of a week's tense bowling. The veteran Shaw was not in good form, and most of the good shots lay to the credit of either Brown or McAlister.

The locals early took the lead and by the seventh head led by seven to six. Shanghai then drew level with a single and the game proceeded with the scores keeping almost level all the way until the 15th head. At the 15th head both sides had eleven points to their credit, but Shanghai scored two at each of the next three heads, placing them well ahead. Although the Craigengower team added a single at each of the last three heads of the match, they had to acknowledge defeat by 17 points to 14.

Scores:—

Shanghai.		C.C.C.	
1 Brown.	Omar.	2 Landers.	Allan.
3 Shaw.	Basa.	Skip. McAlister.	Bradbury.
Head Shanghai.		C.C.C.	
No.	Score.	Total.	Score.
1	1	1	—
2	—	1	3
3	—	1	3
4	1	2	8
5	—	2	7
6	3	5	7
7	1	6	—
8	1	7	—
9	2	9	—
10	1	10	—
11	—	10	1
12	—	10	1
13	—	10	1
14	1	11	10
15	—	11	11
16	2	13	—
17	2	15	—
18	2	17	—
19	—	17	1
20	—	17	1
21	—	17	1

The afternoon proved to be an exceedingly pleasant one, a jazz band being in attendance.

This afternoon the Interport teams are having a friendly replay, on the suggestion of Mr. E. M. Dyer, the President of the Association, the match being played on the Kowloon Bowling Green. This evening the Shanghai team will be entertained at dinner by the Craigengower Club, which will be followed by a dance and cinema show.

BUILDING A WALL.

Contractor Sues European.

Mr. G. Martin, of Taipo, was sued by a Chinese contractor named Ma Yui-tung in the Summary Court, before Mr. Justice Wood, this morning for \$245.35, for work done and material supplied in connection with the construction of a wall at defendant's house. The claim was made up of two items: the building of a wall (which eventually fell down), \$158.10; and blasting in connection with the cutting away of a hill, \$87.25. Mr. Leo Longinotto represented plaintiff and the defence was conducted by Mr. Leo D'Almada.

His Lordship said there were two points: whether the wall was properly built and whether defendant was liable for the blasting operations.

Mr. Longinotto said his client was instructed to build the wall the way he had done it, and plaintiff at the time pointed out to defendant that it was a risk and probably would not stand.

Mr. G. G. Wood, architect, gave his opinion with regard to the erecting of the wall. His evidence was to the effect that it had not been constructed in the proper way. His Lordship pointed out that the contract was for a dry rubble

stone wall and that the work would necessarily be rough.

Mr. Wood said the stones should be roughly shaped, and then witness went into the building of a wall of this description in detail, pointing out where the workmanship was at fault. In his opinion the tender for cutting away the hill should have included the blasting operations. In reply to cross-examination, witness said the chances were that any rubble wall would have fallen down during the recent heavy rains. Later, witness said he did not attribute the fall of this wall to the heavy rains, but to faulty workmanship and design.

Evidence was given by plaintiff to the effect that defendant was present when the wall was constructed and he instructed witness not to use small stones but put in bigger ones. When the work was completed defendant said "all right." When he asked for large stones to be put in, plaintiff told him that it was not safe as the time would come when water would get into the wall and it would fall down. Defendant replied that it did not matter as long as it was cheap. When the work was completed witness sent in his account for \$400 and at first defendant would not pay, but after witness saw his solicitors defendant paid \$200 and said he would pay the remainder at the end of the month. With regard to the blasting, plaintiff arranged to remove all the earth but not the stones.

His Lordship thought that as far as the blasting was concerned, plaintiff had contracted to remove the stone.

Mr. Longinotto replied that Mr. Martin recognised the claim for the blasting because he paid the \$200 on account.

Defendant said he disputed the item for blasting as soon as he received his account. He paid plaintiff the \$200 because he came to him and said he was hard up. Witness knew nothing about the building of walls and he had never passed the work.

Mr. D'Almada submitted that plaintiff contracted to build the wall and defendant was not liable to pay unless it was done in a satisfactory manner. The work and the design were faulty, but it was not up to defendant to see that the work was done well, it was up to the contractor.

In giving judgment His Lordship said he did not think that plaintiff could be regarded as a skilled person. Defendant knew that the work was going to be roughly done and he took the risk. His Lordship found as a fact that defendant in conversation with plaintiff on completion of the wall in some manner adopted the work. The blasting operations His Lordship found, were included in the terms of the contract.

Judgment was accordingly given for plaintiff with regard to the claim relating to the wall, and for defendant with regard to the blasting operations. Judgment for \$158.10, and, in view of the fact that the case was sub-divided, each party was ordered to pay their own costs.

ON THE WATERFRONT.

Thoon Kramon In Dock.

The Danish sailing-ship Thoon Kramon left her moorings at Yaumati yesterday afternoon to go into one of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company's docks at Kowloon to discharge her cargo of 763 tons of Japanese coal to enable a thorough inspection of the hull to be made by Lloyd's surveyors.

The coal has been bought by the dock company and it is expected that discharge will be completed on Saturday when the vessel will be moved to a smaller dock and an examination of the hull from below will be made to ascertain the exact extent of the repairs that are necessary to make the ship sea-worthy. At present she is moored in the dock while the work of discharge is going on.

Many gallons of water are daily still finding their way into the hull of the Thoon Kramon through the seams that were opened by the heavy buffeting she received in the typhoon that was responsible for her appearance at Hongkong. Pumping is being carried out during each watch as has been done right along.

The future trade of the Thoon Kramon is now being decided by the East Asiatic Company of Copenhagen—her owners. Negotiations are going forward for the charter of the vessel for several trips to Australia with cargoes of sandalwood, it is reported. The vessel is specially suited for such work as she was designed for the hardwood lumber trade out of

Bangkok. Failing a satisfactory termination of the arrangements under way for the fixing of the charter to Australia it is said that the Thoon Kramon will proceed to Bangkok and probably take a load of Siam hardwoods to Copenhagen.

Fortune has not smiled on the vessel so far for it is nearly four years since her keel was laid and as yet the round trip of the maiden voyage is not completed. The first timbers of the ship were laid during the height of the shipping boom in war-time. Slow progress was made in the construction due to the native labour force being unskilled. The end of the war saw the hull afloat after two years of worry and hard work for the men superintending the job. Frigths showed a tendency to decline and because of this and the trouble that had been experienced to reach the first stage of completion of the craft work was suspended for six months to allow a study of the shipping situation to be made. At the end of six months it was decided to carry on with the vessel and the stepping of masts and the erection of spars and rigging was undertaken. Workmen possessing the necessary amount of skill to do this work were not on hand. The gear was eventually put up by the master and the mate of the Thoon Kramon—Capt. Jensen and Mr. Olsen—the time taken being about six months. Registry of the vessel under the Danish flag was obtained and she took on board her first load of lumber for Kobe, sailing in April last. She arrived there safely and later went to Moji to lift a coal-cargo for the return trip. Her career from then on has already been told.

Dock Worker Drowned.

Berthing of the full-rigged ship Thoon Kramon at Kowloon Docks yesterday afternoon was marked by a fatal accident to one of the dock workmen. He was standing by on the edge of the dock-wall and missed his footing, causing him to fall into the dock. His head struck one of the concrete protrusions from the side of the dock before he touched the water and he failed to come to the top. Chinese divers went under in an attempt to rescue him but they could not find the body although for two hours searches were carried out. Later the body was recovered by a diver in uniform.

Ships Take New Names.

Two more units of the fleet of steamers owned by Mr. H. M. H. Nemaze have taken names in accordance with the idea of having all his vessels bearing nomenclature of Persian origin. The Mausang now has Majaristan painted on her bows and stern while the Bencleuch officially became the Tangistan at Singapore when she was in port there last.

PHILIPPINE INDEPENDENCE.

American Press Correspondent's Survey.

Immediate independence for the Philippines will not be the outcome of the Wood-Forbes Commission to the islands, says the U. S. Press correspondent, Mr. W. P. Simms, writing from Manila. He proceeds:

The emissaries of President Harding, who have been touring the Archipelago to obtain first-hand knowledge of conditions and report back to the president, will "point with pride" to the great strides made by Filipinos in some lines, but at the same time will "view with alarm" the lack of progress observed in certain other equally important directions.

The result of the investigation will be testimony which will warrant President Harding recommending to Congress to hold on to the Philippines for some time to come.

In autos and on horse, afoot and aloft, early and late the two men have been working like beavers digging up the facts upon which they will base their report. And they are saying little of what they think.

But observers who have talked with American old-timers here, and with the Filipinos, and who have had ample opportunity to see and hear much of what the Commission has been seeing and hearing, invariably are led to the above conclusion.

BOUND UP WITH ASIA. Foremost among the factors which must influence the commission, many here consider, is the general international situation in the Far East.

The Philippines, they insist, cannot be treated as a separate problem. In their opinion the future of the islands inextricably bound up with the future of Asia and the Orient generally.

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All Americans in the islands are not retentionists, but I have yet to talk with any really representative member of the community who does not think that to turn the Philippines loose at this juncture, without first obtaining a showdown from the Great Powers with regard to the Far Eastern situation, would be a national disgrace.

Furthermore, the most ardent Patrick Henrys among the Filipinos themselves confess they see no objection to waiting for their independence until the present storm clouds roll by.

DEATH-KNELL OF TRADE.

It has been put up to the Wood-Forbes Commission that diplomatically and militarily speaking, complete independence for the Philippines will spell the finish of American prestige and power not only in Asia but in the Far Eastern world generally.

Similarly President Harding's investigators have been told that if America clears out of the islands now she will lose for good and all her share of trade in the Orient at the very time when every other power is struggling, with no holds barred, to get a footing there.

"It is not a question of just getting out of the Philippines," one of the most influential Americans in Manila told me, "but a question of scuttling from China and this whole part of the globe." This American gave the Commission the benefit of his views.

MEANWHILE THE FILIPINOS ARE not idle. They are meeting such arguments with consummate skill.

"We realize there is some truth in all these things," they answer. "But we are not demanding that you clear out of the islands completely."

"Any honourable concession the United States may ask," Mr. Manuel L. Quezon, President of the Filipino Senate, declared, "will willingly be granted in exchange for our independence."

If America wishes a "Hongkong" of her own in the Far East, the Philippines will gladly provide it, Filipinos say, along with whatever else the United States may need in the way of bases in this corner of the world.

For these concessions the Filipinos would like to have America's protection against external aggression. Filipinos, almost to a man, desire a protectorate form of government, but they do not insist upon it.

The other side of the picture is the purely Filipino one. It has nothing to do with international policies. It is this:

Are the Filipinos "prepared to fully assume the responsibilities and enjoy all the privileges of complete independence" within

the meaning of the Jones Bill of 1916?

This act definitely promised to recognize their independence as soon as a stable government can be established.

It all depends on the point of view, say the Filipinos. Every nation has its own standards and believes its own standards are best. They ask to be judged by Filipino standards.

Every Filipino you meet will tell you most emphatically yes, they are prepared. Just as unanimously, Americans in the islands say no, they are not.

WHAT COMMISSION SEES.

Impartially, here are some of the things the Wood-Forbes mission are seeing for themselves. Upon such evidence, rather than upon what either side to the controversy may say, they must base their report:

Good roads, but not enough. Good public order and a contented people.

Sanitation far from satisfactory.

Courts of justice functioning normally in places, but elsewhere abuses and congested dockets.

In the main, alert public officials but here and there an individual over-reaching of authority.

Honest balloting as a rule but a considerable number of charges of election frauds.

Well-conducted schools, but more American teachers needed to teach English.

Too many different languages and dialects spoken, the lack of a universal language hampering national unity.

An encouraging reduction of illiteracy, from around 60 per cent, a few years back to less than 20 per cent at present.

Finances in bad shape, partly due to war conditions, partly to bad management. This may eventually turn out to be one of the most telling arguments against early independence.

Women taking great interest in politics, demanding independence and prohibition.

MUCH TO BE SIFTED.

These are some of the main items which the Wood-Forbes Commission have either seen or had submitted to them in voluminous reports. Sales of material have been furnished them and must be sifted through.

Few here seem to expect the Commission to recommend immediate fulfillment of the preamble to the Jones Bill or that the president will so recommend to Congress.

It is stated here, however, that the president has said he would settle the Philippine question definitely during his term in office. So everyone here is asking, what will he do?

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CAMERA NEWS



Look how confident Mrs. Molla Bjurstedt Mallory looks in the picture on the left. That was just before her match with Suzanne Lenglen for the tennis championship of America. The centre picture shows Suzanne on the arm of a tennis official and in tears, as she defaulted the match after Molla had won the first set 6-2 and the first two points of the second set. On the right is Molla leaving the courts, dissatisfied at the outcome of the match. She wanted to beat Suzanne even more decisively because the French champion had beaten her in Europe and had said that Molla had not even furnished stiff opposition.

Muriel Elaine Epehardt was awarded first prize in a baby health and beauty contest in which hundreds of Bronx children participated. She also won a silver cup as the most beautiful child in her New York school. She is seen here with her mother.



The Duke of Marlborough, one of the richest Peers in England, who was recently divorced from the Duchess, formerly Miss Consuelo Vanderbilt, startled the world by marrying Miss Gladys Deacon, of Boston, a life-long friend of his divorced wife who acted as a bridesmaid to her.

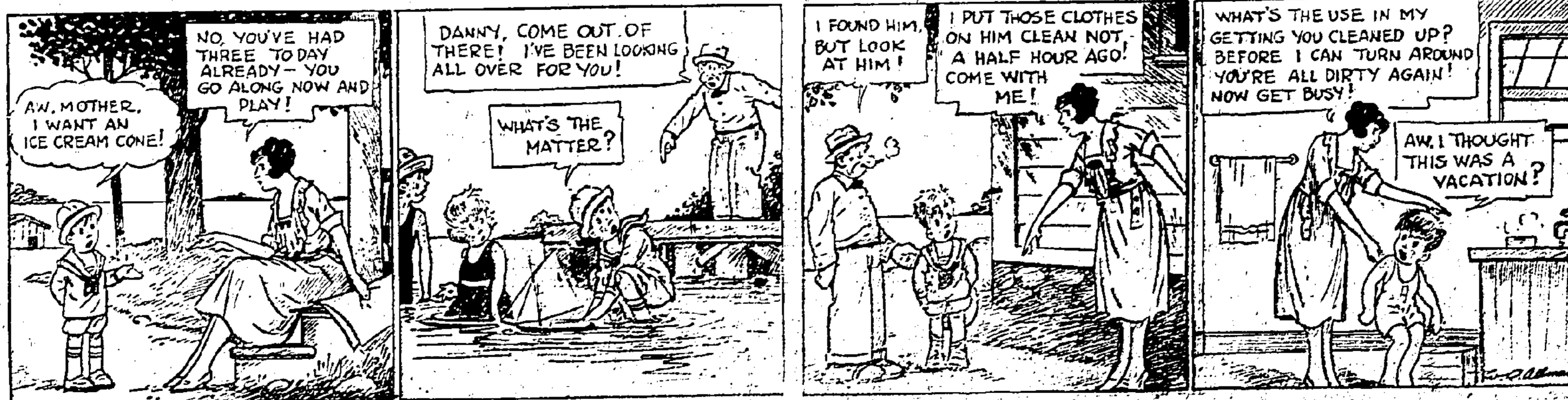


The famous statue of George Washington by Houdin, presented by the State of Virginia to the British Nation, was recently unveiled in Trafalgar Square, London, by Miss Judith Brewer and a large delegation of Virginians. The Marquis of Curzon, Foreign Secretary, accepted the statue in the name of the British Nation. Photo shows the delegation of American Civil War Veterans grouped in front of the statue after the unveiling ceremony.

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SALT IN TSINGTAU.

The salt industry in Tsingtau has taken long strides in recent times and there are no fewer than ten Japanese salt companies including the Dai Nippon Salt Company and the Tokyo Salt Company. However, while an excess of supplies has been caused, the Monopoly Bureau pays too little for its salt, the producers complain. Therefore, they find it difficult to maintain business. Some time ago, a plan was set on foot to amalgamate the distressed concerns but it has subsequently been dropped. The purchasing price of the Monopoly Bureau has further been lowered from ¥1.18 to ¥1.01 per 100 kin for good quality, and from ¥1.03 to ¥1.01 for low quality. This lowering has caused the amalgamation idea to revive. All the companies, and the appraisal of their property will be found difficult. There are indications, however, of amalgamation being accomplished in the end.

DECLINE OF JAPAN-JAVA TRADE.

Trade inquiries to and from the South Seas have declined greatly owing to the continued grave situation of the branch offices of Japanese companies. Especially has the depression in sugar circles diminished purchasing power in Java to an amazing extent. Phosphatic ores are no more attractive, due to the chemical industry in Japan having been disheartened. Nor are pearls and corals the subject of business any longer. The only visible sign of commercial life is that inquiries are dispatched to Japan at intervals for knitted goods and so on, but as yet there are difficulties in the way of their resulting in business because of Japanese goods being exposed to competition with British and German goods.

POSTMEN ON STRIKE AT ODWARA.

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According to a telegraphic report from Mr. Wellington Koo, the Chinese Minister to Britain, says a Shanghai dispatch to the "Manchu" the possibilities of the financial bankruptcy of China are again forming a subject of discussion in some British papers, and the need of international control of China is expatiated upon in certain journals.

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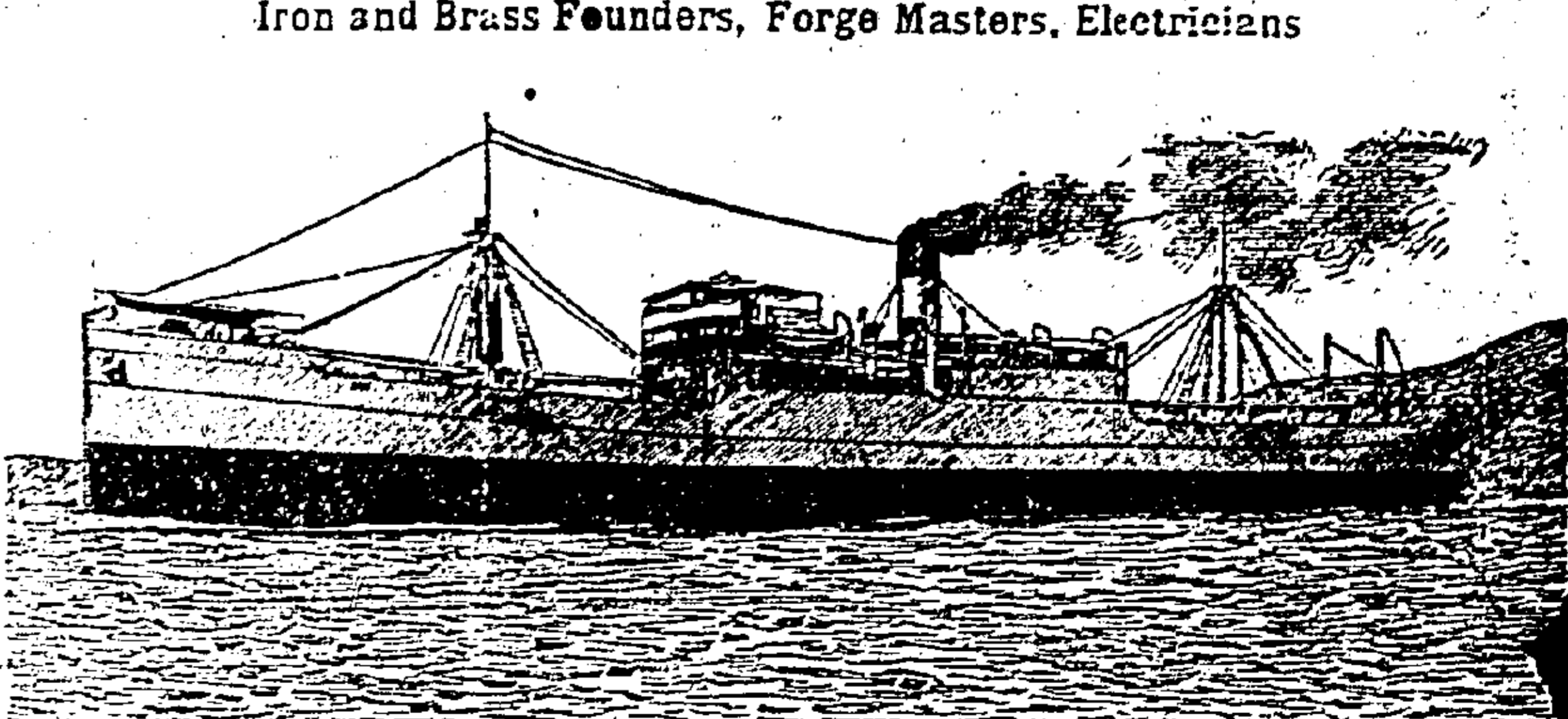
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SHIPPING NEWS.

AUSTRALIAN LINE.

Among the shipping companies that were represented at a meeting of the American-Australian Freight Conference held in San Francisco recently was the Yamashita Kisen Kaisha of Japan. This Japanese company will operate the line once a month.

ADMIRAL BORRETT VISITS

WEI-HAI-WEI.

Rear-Admiral Borrett, C. R. commanding the Yangtze Patrol, has left for Weihaiwei on leave. The duties of senior naval officer in the port will be carried on by Commander A. E. Johnston, (H. M. S. Bee), during Rear-Admiral Borrett's absence.

The Japanese-Chinese routes.

SHIPBUILDING.

In metals, a considerable improvement under several kinds of metal goods is noticeable, in Canton, due to greatly increased local shipbuilding and the existence of a very modern plant, known as the Chukiang Shipway and Motorboat Works. This engineering yard will revolutionise the famous flower-boat world, with its up-to-date motor house-boats, several of which have already been launched.

TIMBER FREIGHTS.

As the American Shipping Board has forbidden its ships to transport timber, the freight rate on timber has advanced by \$4 to \$14. The Yonan-maru of the Katsuda Kisen Kaisha is said to have concluded an agreement for the conveyance of timber from North America to the Far East at \$13.50. The present high quotations will probably be short-lived, however, as there are more tramp ships on the Trans-Pacific line besides the ships participating in the Freight Conference.

MARINE INSURANCE COMBINES.

There has been a pronounced tendency for many isolated Japanese marine insurance companies to seek absorption by the larger concerns because it has become more difficult for them to maintain business. The Teikoku and Toyo Companies turn to the Tokyo Kaigo Company, the Nishin and Nitta Companies to the Kobe Kaigo Company, the Settsu Fire Insurance Company to the Osaka Company, the Yachiyo Company to the Nishin Company, the Totowa Company to the Chiyoda Company, and the Dai Nippon Company to the Kyodo Company.

HUGO STINNES' INTERESTS.

Recently the German newspapers have mentioned rumours of increasing tension in the relations between the Hamburg-American Line and Herr Hugo Stinnes, with the possibility of the outbreak of an open conflict. For these reports there seems to be no solid foundation, or at any rate, they were very much exaggerated. That the two groups have separated their respective shipping interests is true, but the negotiations which have lately been going on do not imply any aggravation of the conflict between them. They have concerned the carrying out of mutual decisions of both sides resulting from the fact that Herr Hugo Stinnes was not re-elected to the Directorate of the Hamburg-American Line at the last general meeting of that company. The settlement of this matter has been delayed, says the Hamburg correspondent of *Vossische Zeitung*, only because the transfer of the various shares coming into question proved to be an extraordinary difficult matter. If Hugo Stinnes has now retired from the two Africa Lines, the correspondent already quoted explains, that does not in any way mean that he is abandoning his shipping interests, but that he is concentrating them on his own shipping companies.

Whereas formerly Stinnes, the Hapag, and the Norddeutscher Lloyd each owned, about one-third of the shares of the Africa companies (Woermann Line and German East Africa Line), now the Hapag and the Lloyd will have the preponderant influence.

On the other hand, the result of the retirement of the representative of the Hamburg-American Line from the board of the Hamburg-Verkehrs-Aktiengesellschaft will be that the Hapag will withdraw from the subsidiary companies (The Hamburg Verkehrs-A.G., (Hamburg Traffic Company), which was founded in 1919 with a capital of 2,000,000 marks, increased its capital at the beginning of this year to 8,000,000 marks. Among its founders, in addition to Hugo Stinnes and the Hamburg-American Line, were the two Africa companies already mentioned and the Hamburg firm of Rob. M. Wotman, Jun.—*Journal of Commerce*.

